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Firemen Helpless When Houses Aren't Numbered

By PAT CHRISTIAN
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Helplessness is one of the most painful feelings a firemen faces.

Provo fireman Murry Sturkie and other firemen say they have felt this pain while racing to the aid of victims and not being able to find them.

He is working now to rid Provo of "ghost" houses — houses or other buildings that don't have visible addresses.

"We have noticed a critical need to have address numbers on homes and businesses," says Sturkie.

"Too many times we are called to a home, and arrive to find no number on the building.

"When this happens, you get really frustrated. You know you are right there within a few houses one way or the other, but can't find it and you lose time.

"If you're searching for a home where someone is suffering a heart attack or a child is choking, we are talking about life or death where seconds delay caused by a lack of address numbers can kill."

Fire Captain John King, who is one of the organizers of a new program to decrease the number of "ghost" homes, says the program aims to

make Provo safer by identifying ghost homes and working with ghost-home residents to make the home easy to identify and find.

Firemen working on the program, such as Brent Tew, Lyle Linton and others, say it's also the law to have a visible number on a home.

Building and fire codes both require all new or old buildings and homes to be properly identified and are specific about requirements.

The code reads, "The owner or occupant of such house or building shall cause a painted, carved or cast duplicate of such number at least three inches in height and of a shade opposite to the background upon which the number is mounted to be placed in a conspicuous position upon the front of such house, or building, (and facing the road fronting the property) in a permanent, stationary and durable manner unobstructed at all times by vines, screens, or anything that would tend to hide or obscure the number, and so that the number will be clearly perceptible from a distance of one hundred and fifty feet."

As ghost houses are identified during the home numbering program, residents will be urged to buy and install home

numbers that comply with the city ordinance.

But Provo firemen hope "ghost" houses residents will make corrections without being contacted after learning of the problem through the program's publicity program.

Sturkie says those unable to install numbers on their own because of age or physical disability can call the fire department at 373-3904 and volunteers from the Boy Scouts working on their eagle projects can help. Those requesting volunteers are still expected to buy the material for the numbers.

"We're not running this program to harass or force compliance with the law," said King. "It's actually in each person's personal interest to have these visible numbers. When that emergency does arise, the few dollars spent will have been well worth it."

King said the aim of the program is to have addresses easily seen by men in emergency vehicles. He said mailbox numbers aren't always easy to see because they may be on the wrong side of the box from the direction an emergency vehicle may be coming or may be blocked by something.

Curb numbers, although good, he says, are not visible



Large house number letters will help emergency people locate locations.

if blocked by snow or if a car is parked in front of them.

He says if numbers are clearly labeled near the front door or some other easily visi-

ble area, the house can easily be identified.

Fire Engineer Lyle Linton says, "If we can't see the number, it's very likely we

may pass it up completely until we can see another address and know we have gone too far. Then we have to turn around. These are all a bunch of unnecessary delays."

Firemen to Raise Funds for Many Activities

From the humble beginning of the Heber Valley Fire Dept. it has been looked upon with pride by the local citizens and respected by other departments throughout the state. The reason for this pride and respect is largely due to the fast, efficient fire protection they have rendered to this County, as well as the many civic function in which they participate.

They, like any other organization must have funds with which to continue their activities. Thruout the years the firemen have sold tickets and sponsored dances and movies to raise these necessary funds. But as time moves on, problems have come up that makes such programs impossible. This year, instead of selling tickets to a dance or movie, the firemen will sell "chances" to a drawing on four bicycles. The drawings will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 and the winners announced in the Wasatch Wave on March 4th. All funds from this drive will go towards financing the functions and activities of the local department, not provided for by the participating communities.

This fund drive will start on Monday, February 15th and continue until the day of the drawing, February 27th. When the firemen knock at your home, open your door and your pocketbook, to assure the continued success of this fine organization.

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schools for the handicapped, by having them help with the fund raiser. The handicapped will be addressing the mailers with sticker labels. This gives them some added funding.

On the mailer, there is also a free drawing ticket. This year the department will be drawing names to receive a free smoke detector/ alarm. Morris hopes that residents will fill out the form and send it in with their donations.

"If you don't receive a contribution form, but want to donate, address checks to the Heber Valley Fire Department and mail them into the Heber City Corp. and they will get to us," said Morris.

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Mr. Protection Co., a private owned fire extinguisher service company located at 55 West 100 South, Heber City, will inspect or service any portable fire extinguisher FREE, the catch is you make out a donation check to the Volunteer Fire Dept. This is a public service performed by the owner of Mr. Protection, Mel Milgrom and does not constitute any endorsement from the Fire Dept.

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Pot Grows to Enormous \$200 Prize

HEBER CITY - The pot continues to grow in the Holiday Big Cash give-away as the prize now climbs to \$200.

Nearly 150 people gathered outside of DJ's to hear the name drawn by store owner Doug Lee.

The Wasatch County Association of Businesses sponsored the give away and \$50 a week if not claimed, would go back into the drawing for the next week.

This weeks drawing is scheduled for Finn's Reata on Main Street. Remember the winners must be present to claim the \$200 cash prize.

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Montgomery Attends Special Fire Marshall Conference

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MURRAY—Heber Valley Volunteer Fire Department Secretary Clyde Montgomery attended a meeting where new report methods were discussed to catch continual fire hazards.

"All fires will be reported from the community to the state, and then to the national office," said Montgomery of the new reporting methods. This method, with all offices reporting, will give leads on products that may have defects, flaws, or potentially dangers to starting fires.

Montgomery said that through

this system, the State Fire Marshall will be given, in advance, notice of items, to alert fire departments. Giving fire departments an easier time to fighting fires.

Montgomery explained that this is an updated version of the reporting method already used by the state, only this method is faster, and more accurate.

The report system was originated by the State Fire Marshalls Office and taught to the secretaries by the Marshalls Officers.